

Annual Meeting - Town of Buffalo

April 13, 2004

Chairman opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Citizen attendance was 16. Chairman gave a brief introduction of the board members.

2003 minutes were read. Millie Stanley motioned (Roger Banicki seconded) to approve. Motion carried.

Financial report was given and discussed. John Furman motioned (Roger Banicki seconded). Motion carried.

Reports:

- a) Glen Bubolz, Fire Chief, went over the Marquette County Fire Department's budget for 2005. The budget is divided up based on the equalized value for each township. We do not know the percentage as of yet. He briefly reviewed things that you can do to help the fire department if they are called to your property.
- b) Shawn Papon, Wildlife Biologist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, gave a brief update on the Fox River National Wildlife Refuge.
- c) Recycling and Garbage - It was asked if the sign could be repainted to say Buffalo Recycling Center versus Buffalo Dump. The chairman will look into getting this changed. The annual Road Side Pick-up for the Town will be held on the 1st Saturday in May every year. The chairman will check to see if we have a contract with our current provider who picks up the garbage. If so, he will request a copy of it.
- d) Land Use Update – Charlie Church and the chairman gave a brief update on the Land Use Committee. They are hoping to have a meeting with the County and Omnni and Associates in the near future to discuss what the next steps are.
- e) Uniform Dwelling Code – A brief overview by the chairman was given so residents can learn about this new state law and how it will affect them.
- f) Roads – Jan Banicki and Gene Mucciolo toured the roads with Ron Sell. Ron has sent the town a letter regarding which roads should be fixed in the priority he sees the roads to be fixed. The letter was read. An update on the condition of the Buffalo Hills Road was also given. A motion by John Furman to raise \$80,000 (Fred Wollenburg seconded). All in favor but two nays. Motion carried. Due to a plant being installed on Hwy 22 & 33 for this year only, a motion by Don Smith to transfer \$20,000 from general funds to roads this year (Roger Banicki seconded). All in favor, motion carried.
- g) Fire Safety – Motion by Fred Wollenburg to raise \$15,000 (John Furman seconded). All in favor, motion carried.
- h) Tax Assessment – Updates by chairman that we will need a re-evaluation within the next few years. We will put out a bid for the assessor's job in order to make sure that we are keeping the town's costs down.
- i) Shared Revenue Cuts – we have been cut from \$26,296 to \$18,758 for the year.
- j) Lawn Mowing – We will run an ad in the local paper for mowing the town hall and cleaning up the gravel from the plowing this winter.
- k) Wayside – Chairman gave updates on the wayside and that the governor has ordered it to remain open at this time. We discussed what could happen to it when it is officially closed.

- l) Board Salaries – A motion by Roger Banicki to raise the Treasurer's wages by \$500 per year (Charlie Church seconded). All in favor, motion carried.
- m) Brushing at Railroad Crossings – This has been taken care of by the county.
- n) Trailer Park Ordinance – Chairman gave brief update on the ordinance.

Move to adjourn the annual meeting by Roger Banicki. Seconded by John Furman. Motion carried.

Next annual meeting will be on April 12, 2004.

Submitted by Rebecca Kearns, Town Clerk